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WSP Aggressive Driving Emphasis Patrols

Starting Monday October 16, 2006, Washington State Patrol Aggressive Driving Troopers will be starting a two week emphasis campaign to combat aggressive driving in Spokane. All six unmarked WSP Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT) vehicles will be working on Interstate 90 in Spokane where our citizen complaint data shows a majority of aggressive driving has been occurring. The WSP will also be utilizing aircraft to assist the ADAT troopers with aerial aggressive driving patrols.

Troopers will focus attention in the area east from the top of the Sunset Hill to Sprague Ave and also east of Sullivan Road to the Washington/Idaho state line. These efforts are intended to influence driver behavior before the onset of winter driving conditions. Troopers see a dramatic increase in collisions during the winter months. These collisions are primarily caused by drivers following too closely and speeding. Similarly these types of violations are violations that ADAT troopers see in motorists who are driving aggressively.

The Washington State Patrol would like to remind drivers to be attentive to speed limits and traffic conditions while traveling. Drivers should allow themselves plenty of time to get to their destinations and always maintain a safe following distance. Troopers will be looking for motorists who commit multiple moving violations which include following too close, speeding, not signaling turns or lane changes and making improper lane changes.

Citizens who see aggressive driving and want to report violations should go the WSP's web site at www.wsp.wa.gov. Drivers should not attempt to engage anyone who is driving aggressively. Aggressive drivers are often involved in road rage altercations where people are seriously hurt. If anyone witnesses serious aggressive driving while traveling they should immediately call 911 and providing vehicle and driver descriptions if possible.

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